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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 10 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2008, Arizona had 374,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 34,000 head from a year ago but down 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 30,000 head during March, 16,000 head less than a year ago. During March, 31,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2008, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, unchanged from last year but down 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 55,000 head during March, down 13,000 head from last year. During March, 65,000 head were marketed, unchanged from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.35 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.28 million head, up 3 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.67 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of March since the series began in 1996. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000, 600-699 pounds were 330,000, 700-799 pounds were 561,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 510,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

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